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SUBJECT: ILO EAST-WEST TRADE UNION MEETING: LETTER FROM  
DGB LEADER

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED A COPY OF THE LETTER WHICH HEINZ VETTER, GERMAN DGB PRESIDENT SENT ON JANUARY 12 TO PARTICIPANTS IN THE ILO EAST-WEST MEETING (REF GENEVA 233). END SUMMARY
2. IN ADDITION TO MAKING THE POINT AS INDICATED IN REFTEL THAT UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD THE CONFERENCE SET UP ANY PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS AFTER ITS JANUARY 19 SESSION (SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PERMANENT COMMITTEE OR A SECRETARIAT), VETTER REITERATED HIS VIEW THAT ANY FUTURE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE SET UP ACCORDING TO THE MODEL SET BY THE ILO CONFERENCE ON APARTHEID. SUCH A CONFERENCE, HE ADDED, MUST SUITABLY DISCUSS ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES AND SHOULD BE ORGANIZED BY THE EUROPEAN WORKER DELEGATES ON THE ILO GOVERNING BODY AND SHOULD BE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE ILO.

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3. IN ADDITION, VETTER MAKES THE UNIQUE AND NEW POINT

THAT "IN CONNECTION WITH OUR CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS IN GENEVA, WE MIGHT EXAMINE - IN VIEW OF THE PRESENT SITUATION AND THE MOST RECENT EXPERIENCE WITH POLITICAL BLACKMAIL USED BY THE ARAB STATES SINCE THE OIL BOYCOTT, HOW FAR IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE A COMMON STAND BY TRADE UNIONS WITH REGARD TO THESE MEASURES - AT A EUROPEAN LEVEL AND ABOVE ALL (OUR) IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES. IN VIEW OF THE ENDANGERING OF HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF JOBS BECAUSE OF THIS DEVELOPMENT, THE PRACTICAL INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY OF WORKERS HAS DOUBTLESS A TRULY TREMENDOUS AND PRACTICAL MEANING."

4. FULL TEXT OF THE ORIGINAL VETTER LETTER (IN GERMAN) WILL BE POUCHED TO WASHINGTON AND GENEVA.

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